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1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-79645. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 4, 8, 9, and 23 of the specification of the present application.
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-241397.
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-216489.
4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 05-58076.
5. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2846954. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 4, 8, and 9 of the specification of the present application. This document corresponds to US Patent No. 5,798,202 and was published under Publication No. WO 93/23252.
6. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2846955. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 4, 8, and 9 of the specification of the present application. This document corresponds to US Patent No. 5,804,353 and was published under Publication No. WO 93/23253.
7. Japanese Patent Publication No. 56-64823. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 4 and 9 of the specification of the present application.
8. WIPO Patent Publication No. WO 03/022594. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 4 and 9 of the specification of the present application.

9. WIPO Patent Publication No. WO 2005/005147. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 5 and 9 of the specification of the present application.

An English language abstract of the above listed documents is enclosed.

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